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HOUSE RESOLUTION 145
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A RESOLUTION to commend the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.
and recognize them on their 19th Area IV
Leadership Conference.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those estimable organizations that have dedicated their efforts to improving
both their local communities and the greater global community; and

WHEREAS, the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. is one such worthy organization
deserving of the recognition of this body; and

WHEREAS, the 19th Area IV Leadership Conference, to be held March 30-April 2, 2000
is one such commendable endeavor that seeks to enhance leadership skills for the more than
500 ladies, teens, and men who will travel to Memphis for the event; and

WHEREAS, the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (TLOD) first organized on June 4, 1964 in
Tyler, Texas; the founder of this group, Ozell Dean, was inspired by outstanding women who
were pivotal in their community affairs; and

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WHEREAS, TLOD's mission and goals are highly commendable, they strive to assemble women of expertise to guide and assist our youth, enhance the status of women, enrich the lives of senior citizens, and promote community beautification; and

WHEREAS, members of this remarkable organization are involved in rewarding volunteer experiences, gaining hands-on experience in leadership training, and monitoring changes in the marketplace that affect the communities in which they serve, including legislation, politics, economics, social trends and education; and

WHEREAS, there are 120 chapters in the United States and the Caribbean; the Memphis Chapter was chartered in 1991, and the Area IV of the TLOD is composed of seven states in the southeastern part of the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.'s dedication to excellence and promotion of esteemed causes is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., commend the Memphis Chapter for their outstanding representation in this great state, and extend to them our best wishes for every success in the Area IV Leadership Conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.